

Longtime professor accepts buyout

Cleiri Quezada
COLLEGIAN EDITOR

William Davis, a master technical instructor in the Behavioral Sciences Department at the University of Texas at Brownsville, will be leaving next May after 40 years of employment, having opted for the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program.

"I was hired at Texas Southmost College, taught in the psychology department for all these years, been active in faculty governance, was academic senate president and president of the body of Texas Southmost College, also the faculty association there and just generally enjoyed teaching and working with students at UTB and at TSC before that," Davis told *The Collegian* in an interview via telephone Aug. 19.

Davis said he chose to accept the buyout because a research oriented university, such as UTRGV plans to be, is not his area of interest.

"I'm turning 66. My wife just retired, so retirement didn't seem bad," Davis said. "I really love my teaching, but I figured I could continue to teach as an adjunct or, you know, get my hand in like that. So, to me, it looked like a pretty good thing. Also, I guess maybe just as important, I was a very, very good fit for the community college and also for the community university that my emphasis was on teaching, working with students and so forth. As we move into UTRGV, which is going to be a much more research-oriented place, that's not been my area of interest, so I would not be as good fit for that."

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley



William Davis

and staff with as many options as possible.

"[The VSIP] is for people who want to go ahead and retire," Bailey said. "We're not encouraging people or discouraging people to do that. That's entirely up to them. ... We know that

President Guy Bailey said he wants to provide faculty



Denise Joseph

people at UTB, for instance, have been through a lot of change and we just want them to have some options, that's really all that is."

Denise Joseph, a tenured UTB history professor, joined Texas Southmost College in 1976.

Joseph also was offered the buyout, but decided to not accept the incentive and, instead, she will start applying for a position as a history professor at UTRGV this week.

She said the buyout, which offers tenured professors six months of pay if they retire, was not much of an incentive for her.

"I am incredibly fortunate because I can retire at any time, but I don't want to," Joseph said. "Personally, I felt that the buyout, what they call the separation

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On June 8, 1991, then-Gov. Ann Richards signs Senate Bill 1050 creating the partnership between Texas Southmost College and the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Meet UTB's interim president



William R. Fannin

Please tell me about yourself: "I have served the last 18 years as provost and vice president at the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas. Before that, I was in Idaho State University for eight years; seven of those I was the dean of the college of business and for one

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UTB'S FINAL YEAR BEGINS



The University of Texas at Brownsville
President Juliet V. Garcia



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
President Guy Bailey

Paying tribute to a leader

Campus sets celebration honoring President García

Kaila Contreras
THE COLLEGIAN

UT-Brownsville will say goodbye to its longtime president, Juliet V. García, during a *despedida* scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in El Gran Patio at Main.

Hosted by the Office of the President, the farewell celebration will honor García for more than 20 years of service to UT-Brownsville.

Communication Professor William Strong will serve as master of ceremonies.

There will be performances by the UTB Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán, One O'Clock Jazz Band and the Marimbalacrán. Faculty, staff, students and alumni will also pay tribute to García.

A donation of \$10 is suggested but not required. All proceeds will be used for scholarship opportunities for UTB students. *Aguas frescas* will be served. The celebration is open to the public.

"The important thing is that you come and you be with us and you listen to

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COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Texas Gov. Rick Perry signs Senate Bill 24, merging the University of Texas at Brownsville and the University of Texas-Pan American into a new university and creating the Rio Grande Valley's first medical school, during a ceremony July 16, 2013, in the Arts Center. Shown with the governor are (from left) state Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa (D-McAllen), state Rep. Eddie Lucio III (D-San Benito), University of Texas System Student Regent Nashe Horne, state Rep. Rene Oliveira (D-Brownsville), Regent Ernest Aliseda, state Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. (D-Brownsville), Regent Brenda Pejovich, UT-Brownsville President Juliet V. García, board of regents Chairman Gene Powell and UT-Pan American President Robert Nelsen.

New classrooms, labs for UTRGV



ANDREA TORRES/COLLEGIAN

Guy Bailey, president of the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, talks to members of the Athletic Branding, Mascot and Color Student Committee Aug. 18 in the Main Building's Salón Cassia. Bailey said there will be many changes with the consolidation of the University of Texas at Brownsville and the University of Texas Pan-American.

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THE COLLEGIAN

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley will provide new classrooms, labs and research facilities for students and faculty by 2017.

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Club Spotlight



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Members of the Club Ultimate Frisbee are (front row, from left) Captain Danny Cuevas, Vice President Catheline Froehlich and Joey Key, adviser and director of education and outreach for the Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy. Middle row: President Mike Bollinger, Leah McIntosh, Rachel Arney and Treasurer Victor Gaytan. Back row: Secretary Victor Garza, Jose Puente and Sourabh Nampalliwar.

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Purpose: To spread the sport of Ultimate Frisbee in the Rio Grande Valley by participating in and hosting tournaments.
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Vice President: Catheline Froehlich
Secretary: Victor Garza
Treasurer: Victor Gaytan
Captain: Danny Cuevas
Adviser: Joey Key, director of education and outreach for the Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy, and

Camas Key, faculty associate
Activities: Host and attend tournaments, and train beginners.
Meetings: 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday on the UT-Brownsville grounds
Membership requirements: None
For more information: Join the Facebook group, "Brownsville Ultimate," or contact Bollinger at (717) 968-8854 or e-mail michael.bollinger127@utb.edu
--Compiled by Monica Gudiño

Spelling it out

Heather Olague, director of Student Engagement, presents the rules and regulations that apply to all clubs during the Student Organization Council Meeting, held Wednesday in Salón Cassia. About 85 students and advisers attended the meeting.



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8,015 students ready to go

Monica Gudiño
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As of Aug. 14, more than 8,000 students registered for the Fall 2014 semester at UT-Brownsville, slightly below the goal of 8,600 students that university officials set.

Sylvia Leal, vice president for Enrollment Services, said UTB expected to get at least the same number of students as last fall, if not more. The last day to register was Aug. 12.

“With some exceptions, we are still allowing some students to register ... if they have they have requests from their professors,” Leal said. “... We’re considering that on a case-by-case basis, but primarily registration has ended Aug. 12.”

However, students will still be able to register during add and drop week, Aug. 19-25.

Leal said enrollment is monitored on a daily basis and her office works with the Academic Advising Center, which monitors class schedules and courses. As a result, classes were still being opened.

“We may not open a whole new class altogether but we are extending some of the limits that we had and those limits have to be approved by the professors themselves and the deans themselves,”

More than fun and games

Welcome weeks also focus on leadership, networking and fitness

Oscar Castillo
THE COLLEGIAN

The University of Texas at Brownsville opens its doors today to 8,000 students, welcoming them with a series of events that will take place over the next four weeks.

For those students who are away from home for the first time and might feel lost, intimidated or even overwhelmed, the LifeSavers Team is here to help. From 8 a.m. to noon and 4 to 7 p.m. today and Tuesday, they will be located in front of Main Building and in front of the Lozano-Banco Bridge near the Student Union lawn.

“The purpose [of the LifeSavers] is to let students know [we] are here for them and to help anybody who is lost,” said Student Engagement Director Heather Olague.

So, you found your classroom. Don’t stand by the door for hours waiting for it to begin. Check out the other events going on.

An information session on the National Society of Leadership and Success takes place from 11 a.m. to noon today and from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday in Cortez Hall 118. Olague said the benefits of joining the society include access to more than \$150,000 in scholarships, employer recruitment, an online job bank, networking with other top students on campus and discounts that can save students hundreds of dollars on computers, textbooks, car insurance and grad school prep courses.

If you’re hungry and also want to chat with fellow students, make plans to attend the Welcome Back Bar-B-Que from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday
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\$57 million in financial aid awarded, so far

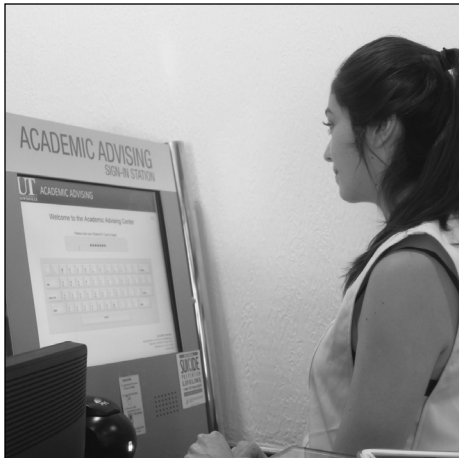


Sylvia Leal, UT-Brownsville vice president for Enrollment Services, says more than \$57 million has been awarded to students this semester, so far.

Leal said.

Depending on how the classes are taught, the administration and professors decide if extending the capacity would be beneficial.

“Some cannot handle more than a certain amount and others can handle a very large lecture,” Leal said. “For example, a lecture course can handle a large amount [of students]. I know that,



KARINA AGUIRRE/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

UT-Brownsville senior biology student Cecilia Llanas checks her appointment with an academic adviser Aug. 12 in the Academic Advising Center.

in some cases ... at the last week, we have even switched rooms.”

Among those registering for classes this fall was freshman Eduardo Rivera.

“It was really good. They were pretty good in teaching me or showing me about what I had to do,” Rivera replied when asked what he thought of the enrollment process at UTB.

Eighty percent of students who applied

SGA president on a mission

UTB senate prepares to represent student body through final year

Alberto Garcia
THE COLLEGIAN

As UT-Brownsville’s Student Government Association begins its final year, the president has an ambitious agenda.

Since their election last spring, President Eréndira Santillana and five other members of the senate have been hard at work forming committees and establishing connections with students through social media outlets.

The SGA will have its first meeting at 2 p.m. today in Main Building’s Salón Cassia.

In an interview with *The Collegian* Aug. 18, Santillana shared her plans for promoting the SGA based on students’ concerns.

“We have gone through a separation, UT-Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, and students resent that in the sense that a lot of decisions have been made without their consent,” she said.

Santillana said students told her they did not feel represented by the SGA at the time of the separation. Consequently, many students are not clear on what the SGA’s duties are and what they are supposed to do for the student body.

“I want to promote what the SGA is about and what we can provide for [students], especially in this crucial time with the consolidation of UTB and the University of Texas-Pan American,” she said.

Santillana’s plans include creating formal and informal events to increase student and faculty awareness of the SGA. Events include having coffee with UTB’s interim president, William R. Fannin, twice a month to exchange current information, students and faculty having lunch with the SGA twice a month, a picnic with the senators, a cookout and movie nights.



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Eréndira Santillana

She hopes this will get the SGA involved with more student organizations and that it will encourage students to provide feedback to help the SGA improve as much as possible.

“All of these events are aimed at [increasing] student participation,” Santillana said. “I want to push for more use of social media. ... It seems to be the easiest way to reach out to students.”

Heather Olague, director of Student Engagement, and Jorge Muñoz, special projects coordinator for Student Health Services, will serve as SGA advisers. Their duties as advisers are to provide insight and advice as the SGA sets its goals for the year.

Olague’s plan to promote the SGA is similar to Santillana’s.

“I’m really encouraging them to get out there to talk to students one-on-one and establish connections,” she said.

Senior biology major Jeisel Quintanilla said she expects the senate to unify the student body.

“I believe student government is important because I think those are the
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for financial aid had received their award as of Aug. 14, Leal said. The rest were pending verification from the U.S. Education Department, the IRS or were on financial aid suspension because they did not meet the 2.0 grade-point average requirement, had too many course withdrawals or Fs on their record. Students who exceed 150 semester credit hours also are placed on financial aid suspension.

“So if you have 190 hours and you still need 26 hours to get your bachelor’s you may not qualify [for financial aid],” Leal said.

Among those who had not yet received their financial aid award was Josie Del Castillo, an art education junior.

Asked if she had applied on time for financial aid, Del Castillo replied, “I applied the day of the deadline. I believe it was March 1. I had never had an issue with financial aid until later I received an email saying I was missing some papers.”

March 1 was the priority deadline for submitting the financial aid application. Only 15 percent of students met that deadline, Leal said.

“This is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, so the sooner you meet the deadline of March 1, that guarantees a quick processing,” she said.

Santillana’s plate full

Aside from leading UT-Brownsville’s Student Government Association, Eréndira Santillana is serving as co-chair of three UT-Rio Grande Valley committees with Alberto Adame, her counterpart at the University of Texas-Pan American.

The three committees are made up of student leaders from both campuses and their purpose is to work toward the transition to the UTRGV, which is being formed by the consolidation of UTB and UTPA and is scheduled to open Fall 2015.

The Tuition and Fee Task Force was formed to develop the tuition and fee structure and recommend rates for UTRGV.

Members include Chair Martin Baylor, vice president for business affairs for UTPA; co-chairs Santillana and Adame; Arnold Trejo, financial aid director for UTB; Nikkie Hodgson, executive director of enrollment services for UTB; Marcela DeLeon, academic budget officer for UTPA; Juan C. Gonzalez, assistant vice president for business affairs and budget director for UTPA; and Magdalena Hinojosa, associate executive vice president for student affairs for UTPA.

The first meeting of the task force took place Aug. 15 at the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 5.

The Athletics Branding, Mascot and Color Selection Student Committee named the top 10 finalists for UTRGV mascot on Aug. 18. The finalists were the Aztecs, barracudas, bears, sharks, bull snakes, tortoises, phoenix, red wolves, foxes and mockingbirds.

A steering committee will meet after the University of Texas System receives the responses from a survey it is conducting this week in which students from UTB and UTPA will be asked to vote for their favorite options. The steering committee will recommend a finalist from the survey’s top three vote-getters.
--Alberto Garcia

Everything has a season

Cleiri Quezada
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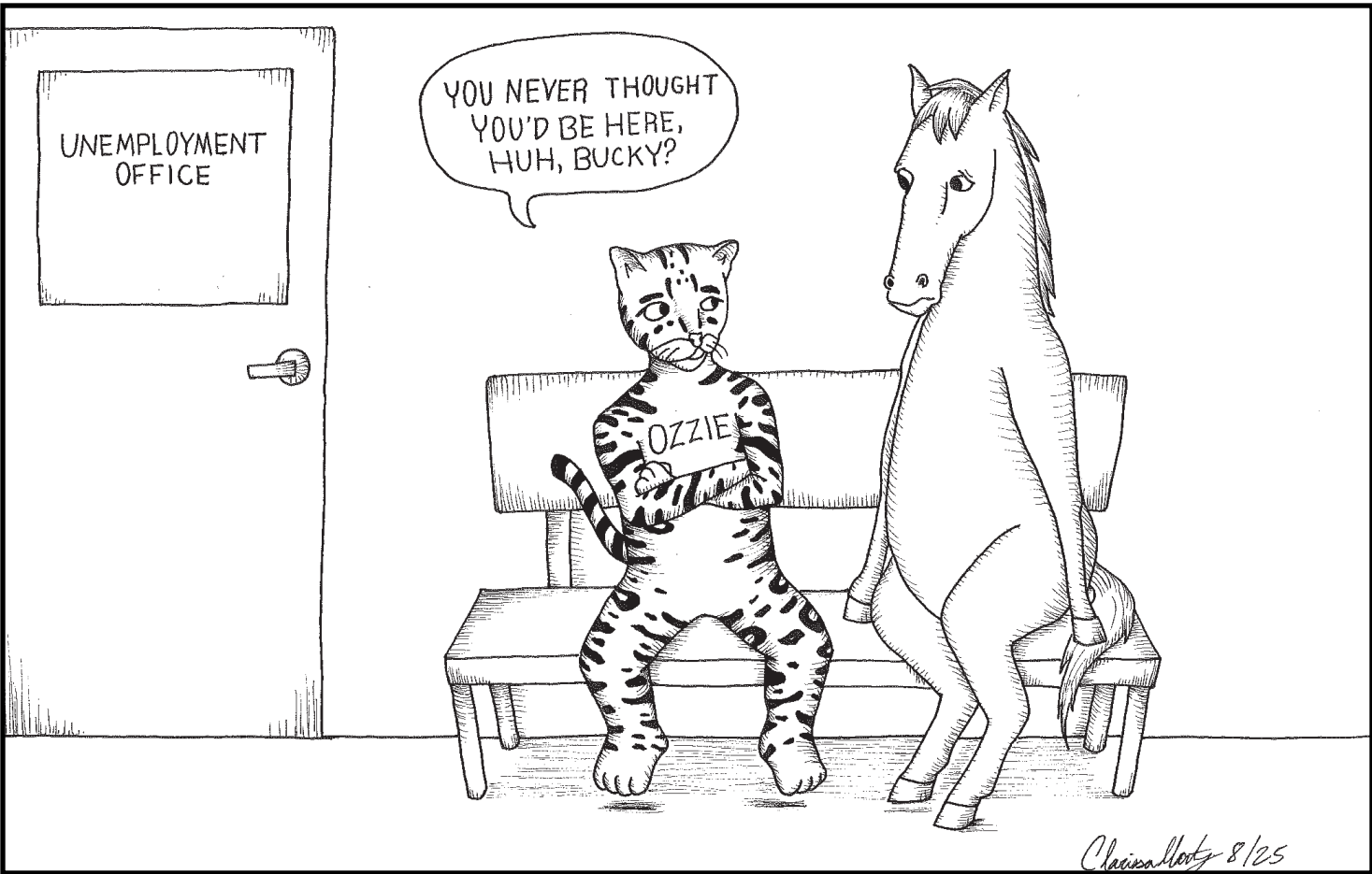


Once you arrive home after being away for a while, you realize that the only thing that changes is you. I remember complaining about not having a new car, saying I had nothing to wear every morning because I wanted to go shopping and keep up with the latest trends, spending money on unnecessary items and throwing away a week's pay on a crazy night with my new acquaintances. I remember being dumb, but almost everyone goes through those arrogant years and it's a must if you're hoping to look back, reminisce and make a change--start fresh.

By the end of last spring, I was completely drained. I had a difficult year going through changes at home, family members going away, mixed emotions about my love life and my friendships. Changes everywhere! I came home at midnight exhausted from school and work almost every day. Meanwhile, I was gaining a couple of pounds every week, I didn't fit into my clothes and I was truly unhappy. I needed to fall in love. I wanted to breathe fresh air, change my routine and feel inspired about life itself. So, I flew to Alaska in the hope of finding all of that.

As soon as I got off the airplane I found the fresh air I was looking for. The Alaska spruce filled the air in my lungs with a scent similar to the pine trees during Christmas. I continued to be amazed by the fast-growing trees, wildflowers and other plants on the side of the road and in the most remote places. They're just beautiful.

After the fresh air, came the dramatic change of my routine. I landed at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport at 2 a.m. May 14 and realized my luggage was missing. My friends and I looked for it for an hour, then filed a missing bag report and the luggage appeared an hour



and half later. Finally, our professor, whom we lived with in Alaska, picked us up and drove us to Talkeetna. We arrived at the cabin around noon. Immediately, I jumped in the shower and stood below the iron-filled water, got dressed and drove to the Flying Squirrel-Bakery Cafe for an interview, met the owner and I was hired 15 minutes later.

Oh, yeah, my routine had definitely changed.

For the rest of the summer, I rode a bike under every weather condition you can imagine. Alaska has some of the most beautiful scenery and wildlife, but you should also expect unpredictable weather in the summer. I rode my bike everywhere I needed and wanted to go. I peddled to work, downtown, to the river, the lakes and creeks almost every day with my roommates or alone. Sometimes, I would come up with sayings like, "There's no purpose in pedaling downhill but to save resistance when going uphill." Other times, I felt so alone. I thought of my family, my bed, my car, cold margaritas and pictured myself sitting outside of Clayton's Beach Bar & Grill having conversations with my friends while soaking up the sun. Daydreaming

helped me realize all the wonderful things I took for granted back home. One time, it rained while I was riding my bike to work and it felt as if Mother Nature had unleashed its tears on me and had sent them to cleanse my soul. I felt free and purified. Now, I was inspired.

By the end of July, I realized that my trip to Alaska was everything I had hoped for. I had found what I was looking for and then some. Talkeetna is a place where people are responsible for nature and live day by day expecting nothing from anyone and working extremely hard for what they have and desire. The town sits a few miles away from Mount McKinley, the highest mountain peak in North America. Mountaineers and tourists from all over the world stop in Talkeetna over the summer and take advantage of all the amazing outdoor activities available such as river boat rafting and jet boat riding in the Susitna River, mountain climbing on Denali (McKinley's other name), canoeing in the Christiansen and X-Y lakes, zip-lining, fishing for salmon on Montana Creek, bike riding, flying up to Ruth Glacier and to see Mounts McKinley and Hunter up close in their full splendor. Other people

just stop to grab a bite before taking a two-day trip to Denali National Park. I was lucky enough to do most of these activities, but I ran out of time there and had to come back home by Aug. 5.

When we landed at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, my roommate and I were completely exhausted. We realized we had had the most amazing summer of our lives, but we couldn't wait to go home and shower. When we finally arrived in Brownsville, we looked outside the windows from the airplane and realized the scene had completely changed. The grass was yellow, the *resacas* were green and yucky and the buildings looked small and in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. The sun dries up everything in South Texas, but we don't notice it until we're gone for some time. As soon as I got off the plane in Brownsville, I said, "We're back," and was greeted by extreme heat striking my face. My friend drove me back home and when I saw my house, bed and car parked outside I noticed I wasn't excited to be back. I left Brownsville to feel different, to change and to find inspiration and I did, but coming back home just reminded me that the only thing that had changed was me.

15 seconds: ABOUT ME

--Compiled by Oscar Castillo
--Photos by Karina Aguirre and Héctor Aguilar



"My name is Frank! I graduated in May. I will be doing my teacher certification starting in the fall. I already took one of my two exams, the content exam, and I am going to do my student teaching in the spring."

Francisco Guevara
Postbaccalaureate student



"Hi! My name is Alexandra Alaníz, and I am going to be attending TSC. I want to join the radiology program and, hopefully, it goes as planned. Afterwards, I would like to move to San Antonio and continue my career as a radiologist."

Alexandra Alaníz
TSC freshman



"Hola, me llamo René Barrientos, y estoy muy feliz por graduarme de la prepa. Me dieron una beca en la Universidad de Texas en Brownsville, y no puedo esperar a que me gradue para ser un dentista. Estoy muy feliz que me dieron esa beca, y gracias por todo."

René Barrientos
Estudiante de biología de primer año



"I'm a senior here in the university. I've been coming for four years. I really enjoy my studies here. I have to say there is a bunch of great professors here that care a lot about me and my grades, and I wouldn't choose any other university to graduate from."

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University of Texas at Brownsville Chess Program Director Russell Harwood (from left), Priya Trakru, her brother Rohun Trakru of Benavides Elementary and UTB chess grandmaster Holden Hernandez present the Brownsville City Commission with the 2014 Chess City of the Year award on behalf of the U.S. Chess Federation during Tuesday’s meeting. Shown in the background is Brownsville Mayor Tony Martinez. Priya and Rohun Trakru will be among the U.S. representatives in the World Youth Chess Championship in Durban, South Africa, in September.

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International Student Orientation



HÉCTOR AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

University of Texas at Brownsville international students learn about the services the university offers during International Student Orientation, held Thursday in Salón Cassia and conducted by the Office of Global Engagement. Shown (from left) are education graduate student Luis Alcocer and freshman physics major Américo Hinojosa, both of Mexico; business majors Judith Bruening and Dominik Scheitz, both of Austria; biomedical sciences major Mauricio Salazar and music education freshman Liliana De Luna, both of Mexico.

On the job hunt



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Learning Instructional Specialist Jorge Hernandez (right) explains to senior biology students Elizabeth Hurtado (left) and Alma Martinez about the tutor position for the College Assistance Migrant Program at UT-Brownsville during the Student Employment Job Fair held Aug. 14 in the Student Union’s Gran Salón. Thirty-one university departments offered information about job openings available for the 2014-2015 academic year. A total of 238 students attended the fair, according to the Career Services Department, which sponsored the event.

Together, we can do it



KARINA AGUIRRE/COLLEGIAN

Student employees in UT-Brownsville’s Student Affairs Division take part in the “pancake flip” teamwork exercise Thursday in the Casa Bella student housing complex. Dean of Students Doug Stoves said the student employee convocation’s objective was to show the shared purpose in Student Affairs.

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WELCOME WEEK

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outside Cortez Hall. Don't worry about the calories at the barbecue because you will lose them by taking part in Bongo Ball and Boot Camp.

Bongo Ball is a team objective outdoor game based on capture the flag with Nerf guns. The event will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday on the Student Union lawn. So, bring your friends and blow off some steam. Equipment will be provided.

Boot Camp is a fitness group that will conduct its first session from 6 to 7 a.m. Thursday in the Casa Bella Clubhouse.

"The purpose of this fitness group is to provide students an opportunity to make healthy life choices and discover something they might enjoy doing," University Recreation Director Arturo Olague said. All students are welcome.

Students can get employment and internship information during the Career Exploration and Networking Fair, scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 4 in

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people who are actually representing the students and our voices are heard through them," Quintanilla said. "I want

the Main Building Courtyard.

"[Companies] will give the students a better look of what they can do with their degree," said Juan Andres Rodriguez, program director for the Career Services Department, which is sponsoring the event.

Chase Bank, H&R Block and the Texas Department of Public Safety are among the employers who will attend the networking fair.

All freshmen are encouraged to attend Freshman Convocation, which will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday in the Student Union's Gran Salón. Outgoing UT-Brownsville President Juliet V. García will speak at the event. On Sept. 1, García, who has been president of UTB since 1992, will become executive director of the Institute of the Americas.

This year, an upper-class student from each of the university's colleges and schools also will speak to freshmen.

Stick around afterward for the Freshman Reception from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Main Courtyard. Upper-class

them to ask us questions. ... I want them to create student togetherness."

Quintanilla said she will attend SGA meetings this semester and will stay abreast on SGA's activities.

The SGA is accepting applications

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive
United Blood Services will host a **blood drive** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union's La Sala. Donors can complete their health history questionnaire online the same day as their blood donation at <http://unitedbloodservices.org/health.aspx>. To schedule an appointment, call Student Health Services Secretary **Beverly Estrada** at 882-7643.

Astronomy in the park
UTB's Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy and the **Physics and Astronomy Department** will host a public telescope viewing from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Friday at **Resaca de la Palma State Park**. The next Astronomy in the Park event will be from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Friday. Admission to the park is \$4, and the telescope viewing is free.

Entrepreneurship Program
The deadline to register for the **UTB-Kauffman FastTrac New Venture Entrepreneurship Program** is Sept. 5. The program encompasses 30 hours of instruction throughout 10 weekly sessions, focusing on identifying market needs, understanding business fundamentals, exploring risk and success factors, networking with entrepreneurship professionals, building a business plan and accessing human, financial and business resources. The cost of the program is \$100 per participant. Apply at www.utb.affiliate.fasttrac.org. For more information, contact **Jose Gavino**, program director, at 882-4119 or jose.gavino107@utb.edu.

Health insurance available
Academic Health Plans offers student health insurance to all UTB students enrolled in the fall semester. The deadline

students will march with their respective college's flag to Main. There, all students will have the chance to mingle and enjoy refreshments.

After the Freshman Reception is over, walk over to the Main front lawn and enjoy Orange Crush, the annual celebration held after the first week of classes. The event takes place from 6 to 11 p.m.

"We are really, really, really excited about this year's Orange Crush," Heather Olague said. "This year, Orange Crush will be carnival themed."

Orange Crush will feature a magician, 10 inflatables (including bouncers and mazes), a photo booth, a comedic magician, a DJ and glow-stick party, and various contests. Mini funnel cakes, cotton candy, corn dogs, popcorn and sodas will be served. Admission is free for UTB students and \$5 for non-students.

Events for the rest of the Welcome Weeks will be announced in next week's issue of *The Collegian*.

for the positions of freshman senator, Supreme Court associates, senators at large and senators for the College of Nursing, School of Business and College of Education.

For more information on available positions, call Olague at 882-7154.

to apply for health insurance for a full year or semester is Oct. 15. Dental/health insurance can be purchased for student, their spouse and/or children. Visit www.utb.myahpcare.com/enrollment to apply or call Student Health Services Secretary **Beverly Estrada** at 882-7643 for more information.

Internship for all majors
The **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute** is seeking full-time college undergraduate students who are interested in participating in the **2015 Spring Congressional Internship Program**. Students of all majors who have an interest in the development of public policy and who have demonstrated leadership abilities may apply at www.apply.chci.org. Deadline to apply is Nov. 7.

--Compiled by Oscar Castillo

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Aug. 5 and 9.

Aug. 5
12:20 p.m.: A 2014 Nissan Altima and a 2009 Lexus RX33 collided in Lot A1 on West University Boulevard. The driver of the Lexus said she was backing out of her parking space and did not see anyone behind her when her car was struck by the Altima. The driver of the Altima, who was also backing out of a space, said she did not see the Lexus. The University Police officer gave both drivers a warning for backing without safety and informed them that they would both be documented at fault in the collision.

Aug. 8
5:27 p.m.: An officer observed a blue 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche with four men driving south on Tyler Street without a front license plate. The officer stopped the truck and asked the driver for his driver's license and proof of insurance. The driver said he did not have his license with him. The officer then contacted the University Police dispatcher to conduct a search for the name but no record was

found. The driver later said he did not have a driver's license and none of the passengers had ID. The officer called the U.S. Border Patrol, which took custody of the men.

Aug. 9
1:58 a.m.: A 61-year-old man was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated after a University Police officer stopped him on Madison Street between East 15th Street and International Boulevard for allegedly failing to maintain lane of travel. The officer told the driver he was driving in the center between the two lanes and asked where he was going. The driver said he was going home after dropping off his two friends. The driver later said he was at a bar downtown but could not remember which one. He also allegedly told the officer he had consumed three beers. The man allegedly failed standard field sobriety tests and refused to provide a voluntary breath specimen. He was transported to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center.

--Compiled by Kaila Contreras

UTB POLICE UPDATE

University Police supports programs and events for the campus community and gives presentations to student groups as well as hosting training classes for staff. The department will attend Weeks of Welcome events and students are encouraged to meet officers and ask any questions they may have.

Aug. 25-Sept. 6
University Police will distribute parking permits and conduct bicycle identification registration in various locations throughout campus.

Aug. 25
2 p.m. Student Government Association meeting with University Police

The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department is responsible for campus safety but also perform additional services such as safety escorts, vehicle unlocks, vehicle jump starts and etching identification numbers on bicycles. For more information, call 882-8232

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One last hurrah!

Rick Saldivar
THE COLLEGIAN

Gallery at Rusteberg Hall hopes to increase outreach

The Gallery at Rusteberg Hall is seeking to commemorate the history of UT-Brownsville, break the ice with UT-Pan American and reach out to the community.

“This is the last show,” said Carlos G. Gómez, professor and chair of the Visual Arts Department. “Next year we’re not going to be around. We’re going to be new faculty. We’re going to be the UTRGV. This is a special season for us. I’ve been here since we became a university, and now we’re going to be another university. The student show and also the faculty show, I think, are also very special [this year].”

UTB and UTPA both have their share of history, and Gómez believes UTB should be honored by the university as a whole.

“Maybe once we get to the faculty show, we can [commemorate UTB] ... one last hurrah, you know?” he said.

The first exhibit of the semester begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday and will feature Ken and Melody Shipley of Tennessee.

“Ken Shipley is a potter, a very good potter,” Gómez said. “He’s very outgoing. He and his wife are going to have a show here.”

The second exhibit, “Texas Size Print,” will run from Sept. 30 to Oct. 24. Featured artists will be Kim Bishop, Paul Karam and Luis Valderas, as well as photographers Luis M. Garza, Paul Cruz and David and Irene Castillo, and videographer James Borrego.

“The ‘Texas Print’ is going to be a fun show because you’re talking about giant prints, humongous prints,” Gómez said. “They’re in the 6-feet, 7-feet range.”

“Soundings,” a multimedia project by painter Sara Mast, will be featured in an exhibit scheduled Oct. 28-Nov. 14.

“She’s going to be doing a collaboration with our science people here on campus, the art department, and the Museum of Fine Art,” Gómez said.

Two senior shows are planned for Nov. 17-21 and Dec. 1-5.

“That’s going to be an exciting event, too,” Gómez said. “There’s going to be a lot of stuff going on.”

Gómez says his department is trying to start working with faculty from UTPA in advance of that school’s consolidation with UTB in Fall 2015.

“We’re trying to work with the people from Pan American and we’re trying to have an exchange faculty show so that the faculty from this university will show on that campus and their faculty will show ... [at] the Historic Brownsville Museum,” he said. “Next year, we’re going to be together. What better way for us to start breaking the ice than by getting to understand each other.”

Gómez said most of the faculty in the Visual Arts Department is community-oriented.

“As far as what we have on our agenda, I think that the majority of the people that we have listed here are also like that—they’re community-based artists who actually are very active in the different communities, in the different parts of the United States that they come from.”

Gómez says his department has considered having its students teach the community about art.

“We’re going to try to bring people here and if not we’re going to go there,” he said. “Art has always been part of the engagement process. ... We’ve always had an impact on the community, but I think that we’re going to try to just push it a little bit more.”

Asked what he looks forward to the



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“A Clear House,” 2012 mixed media, by Yareth Fernandez

most, Gómez replied: “As big a turnout as possible and also, above that, would be that people understand that there’s a tremendous amount of talent in our students, but also that the university—our department—is very much on top of things and we want to share that. ... That’s one of the things that I look forward to, that reaction. ... You’ve got to see these parents [of graduating seniors]

light up. They’re so proud and that’s one of the things that I will never get tired of.”

Rebekah Bonner, a senior visual arts major, is among those graduating in December.

“I would like to create some multimedia pieces, perhaps some installations,” Bonner said. “Right now, my major area is painting, but I’m branching out into all sorts of multimedia, so I’m hoping that I can do a few pieces for the [senior] show.”

After graduation, Bonner plans to go to obtain a master’s degree in fine arts, but before that, she plans to define her style.

“This last semester, I think I’m most excited about finding my niche,” she said. “I’ve been experimenting with many different media and ideas, but I think I’ve finally resolved a few of my ideas enough to combine them into a conclusive exhibit. I’ve really enjoyed my time at UTB and I couldn’t have asked to attend a better college. I think it’s an area for great opportunity. I know that the programs are going to be changing and there are going to be more areas of study, and I think that’s a really good opportunity for the Rio Grande Valley.”

In the spring, Yareth Fernández, a UTB alumnus, will feature her work in an exhibit titled “Hybrid Colonies.” Fernández earned a bachelor’s degree from UTB/TSC in 2009. In 2012, she graduated with a master’s degree in fine arts from Michigan State University.

“I’m kind of interested in a lot of alternative spaces or living spaces, and I’m taking ideas by living spaces that are created by animals or insects,” she said. “A bird nest or a beehive, for example—I’m interested in the design that is put into it. The beehive is very geometric, but at the same time is created very instinctively by the bees and there’s all sorts of bird nests.

“Some [nests] are very simple ... but there’s others by other types of birds in

BEFORE AND AFTER

Photographer undergoes makeover

Monica Gudiño
THE COLLEGIAN

The Collegian is bringing back its “makeover” feature. For the first issue of the semester, Andrea Torres, a junior communication major and Collegian photographer, graciously volunteered for the project.

First, we styled her hair in the popular “fishtail” braid. She is wearing an Ambiance Apparel high-low sundress, a polyester-blend Roommates jacket and silver ballet flats by Soda.

For her makeup, we applied Clinique Stay-Matte sheer-pressed powder in the 17 Stay Golden tone, Maybelline Instant Age Rewind light pale concealer, Nars Amour 4005 blush and Sephora Maldives 4 bronzer.

On her eyelids, Torres is wearing MAC Pro Long Wear eye shadow in the “Keep Your Cool” color, L’Oreal Lineur Intense black liquid eyeliner, Maybelline Rocket Volume Express black mascara, Anastasia Brow Wiz Granite brow color and Benefit Highbrow Glow.

For her lips, we used Sephora rouge lipstick from its Makeup Forever Line.



Andrea Torres, a junior communication major, before her makeover.



KARINA AGUIRRE/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

Torres, after her makeover.



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music and you see Dr. García and you take pictures,” said Martie DiGregorio, director of special events and presidential services.

García became president of Texas Southmost College in 1986, the first

Mexican-American woman ever appointed to that position at a college or university. She then became the second president of the University of Texas at Brownsville in 1992 after both institutions formed a partnership.

She will step down as UT-Brownsville president at the end of this month to become executive director of the

University of Texas Institute of the Americas, which will “provide a non-partisan venue for convening discussions of critical issues with global significance,” according to a letter she issued on June 5.

García has served as chair of the Advisory Committee to Congress on Student Financial Assistance. She was also inducted into the Texas Women’s Hall of Fame for Lifetime Achievement in Education and received NBC’s Hispanic Heritage Award. Among other awards, the Mexican government bestowed upon her the Ohtli Award, which is given to Mexican-Americans “who have forged a new path abroad for their countrymen and women,” according to her biography on the UTB website.

College of Liberal Arts Dean Javier Martinez, who has been at UT-Brownsville since January 1999, said García’s impact on his career at the university has been profound.

“She really shaped me into the academic and the administrator I am today,” said Martinez, who previously served as assistant to the president for three years. “Working for her, I learned so much about the university. ... I learned what it takes to perform at a very high level. ... Her influence on me personally and professionally has been so powerful and so deep.”

History Professor Emeritus Anthony Knopp said García took on the leadership role when the university was going through a difficult time and needed to expand.

“She took control of what was not a well-organized operation and gave it a stronger sense of direction,” Knopp said.

“Although she started off as a faculty member, she became more and more of a leader and took management control of the institution and expanded. One of the things I remember best is how she provided leadership and rehabilitated the historic buildings on campus. We’ve got these old [Fort Brown] buildings and some of them were in a pretty sad state of decay and she got them rehabilitated and well used.”

Former SGA President Edward Camarillo said he worked closely with García during his presidency.

“I’ll never forget the time that we traveled to Austin for a meeting with the UT System and ... they wanted to hear from student government presidents, student leaders on each campus in regards to tuition increases,” Camarillo said. “In that trip, I had the opportunity to really get to know her more on a one-on-one basis, and so she talked about her experience, her background [and] her family, and I think that kind of shaped me because here she was ‘the president’ and her background was almost the same as mine.”

DiGregorio has known García since they were students at Central Junior High School.

Asked what impact García has had on higher education in Brownsville, she replied, “If you look at our history, I think that you can see all the programs that she’s brought to the university, all the graduates that we’ve graduated because of her efforts. She has become well-known all over this region and all over the state and all over the nation for exactly that, for focusing education on a region that is at the poverty line ... a region that has been neglected throughout the

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LOCAL

Truck stop plan advances

Commission OKs first reading of ordinance to rezone area near Palo Alto

Kaila Contreras
THE COLLEGIAN

Construction of a truck stop near the Palo Alto Battlefield is a step closer to reality amid concerns over the additional traffic it might create.

During its Aug. 19 meeting, the Brownsville City Commission approved the first reading of an ordinance that would rezone 13.84 acres from “General Retail X” to “Light Industrial G” to allow United Fuel Supply LLC to build a truck stop at 7295 Paredes Line Rd.

According to documents provided by the city, the truck stop will have biodiesel and regular fuel, a food court, vehicle wash services, a movie theater and a free 24-hour stay for truck drivers. The truck stop will also create 20 to 30 jobs for the community.

“It’s an opportunity. ... They are willing to put a tourism bureau in the truck stop,” said Brad Burkes, pastor of Embassy of the Spirit and a former truck driver who spoke in favor the proposal. “That’s an opportunity to showcase our battlefield to the rest of the nation, ’cause these truck drivers come from everywhere. It’s an opportunity to tell them about our zoo, to tell them about our port, to tell them about our beaches, to tell them about all the wonderful things that are available here in Brownsville,” he said.

Mark Spier, South Texas



HÉCTOR AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

Mark Spier, South Texas superintendent of the National Park Service, speaks before the Brownsville City Commission on a proposed ordinance that would allow the construction of a truck stop near the Palo Alto Battlefield.

superintendent of the National Park Service, said proper zoning could curb the noise and traffic the truck stop will create in the area.

“I think if you apply those overlay districts correctly, we’re going to address the many issues the park service and our neighbors have with this particular

site such as noise, screening of trucks, the landscaping and the signage,” Spier told the commission. “We still are going to have traffic issues, we’re going to have noise and fumes but if proper zoning is applied here, I believe we can make it work.”

United Fuel Supply attorney Baltazar

Salazar said the company will preserve Brownsville’s landmarks.

“We will do everything we can; we are part of Brownsville,” Salazar said. “This is going to be a first-class facility to serve a need. I know that somebody said that this is kind of a ‘funky place’ but every single truck stop is on the side of the expressway. That’s not a funky place. That’s where they go, that’s where the traffic is.”

Although Mayor Tony Martinez supports the construction of the truck stop, he doesn’t want it to interfere with the historic battlefield of the Mexican-American War.

“I think it’s been wonderful that everyone’s together because I think everyone on the city commission realizes we’re all trying to advance the economic interest,” Martinez said. “We would also like to preserve as much as we can with regards to the beauty of Palo Alto and the national parks that we have.”

In other business, the commission approved the second and final reading of the negotiated resolution between the city and Texas Gas Service on a cost of service adjustment of \$936,000.

The commission also authorized allocating \$149,098 from the plastic bag fee receipts to finance the construction of the Barnard Street Park and Duck Pond Project.

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other countries that create these colonies of bird nests. Instead of being just a single one, it's this huge thing that takes over a light post, for example, and is probably about 3 or 4 feet tall.

Fernández is also interested in how nature can overtake abandoned cities.

"[Animals and insects] start living again like nothing and they take over structures that have been abandoned for years. There's this particular city in the Ukraine that has been abandoned for years and there's this wolf that's been living there already for a decade. It's probably one of the largest groups of wolves that they have in the Ukraine right now, and it's because they're able to live in the city that's abandoned.

Fernández says the show is called "Hybrid Colonies" because she is attempting to combine human living spaces with those found in nature.

"It would be sort of a combination of a structure that may resemble some of our buildings, but at the same time using some materials or using some forms that may be used by animals or insects."

Admission for all shows is \$1 and free for Patron of the Arts members. Student semester passes are \$3. For more information, call the gallery at 882-7097.

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incentive, was a fairly low amount. Most of my friends and colleagues at other institutions who've had buyouts, it's usually a year's salary and sometimes as much as two years and we were offered six months of our salary and ... that was not enough to really give me incentive to go ahead and decide to retire. I enjoy my teaching, I enjoy my students."

Joseph said she feels blessed to be in a position that if she doesn't get hired at UTRGV, it will be OK.

"There are a number of our faculty that I have great concern for, who are younger faculty or don't have terminal degrees," she said. "One of the basic criteria for the hiring at the new UTRGV is that you have to have a terminal degree in the field and that would be like a Ph.D. So people who do not meet this basic criteria ... then you are not eligible to be hired or to move on into UTRGV as a tenured or tenured track faculty member and those people have to hope that maybe there's a lecture position that might be advertised eventually that wouldn't require a terminal degree or pray that they can find a job somewhere else. ... There's tremendous stress in the faculty right now, so I count myself incredibly blessed that I'm in a position that I'll be OK regardless."

Faculty who wish to apply for the VSIP must:

--be employed at UTB with a 100

percent appointment;

--be a UTB tenured faculty member;

--have been employed at UTB for the preceding 10 years, be at least 65 years of age, or meet the Rule of 80, which consists of age plus creditable years of service with a Texas state agency equal to 80;

The faculty must not:

--have already entered into a phased retirement program or been on a modified part-time faculty appointment;

--previously retired from any State of Texas retirement system or program;

--have submitted a notice of resignation or retirement.

Faculty will go through a two-phase process in order to be hired at UTRGV.

According to the Q&A document posted on the UT System website, "if you are eligible to apply in Phase I, UTRGV will invite you to indicate your interest in available positions through an online portal and to submit appropriate forms. ... UTRGV will not know which positions will be available in Phase II until the first phase is complete.

Deadlines:

--Sept. 8, the Phase I faculty hiring process will be closed;

--Oct. 6, UTRGV will extend Phase I hiring offers and notify individuals who were not selected for hiring in Phase I;

--Oct. 20, deadline for individuals not selected to submit additional material for reconsideration;

--Nov. 10, UTRGV will notify these

individuals of its final Phase I decision.

Davis plans to travel and do some work with the community after he retires.

"I do disaster mental health with the American Red Cross and I've had some work with service learning and civic engagement with the Red Cross as well, so I'll continue to do that," he said. "I've enjoyed being part of your lives and you've been a part of my life and it's been a great career and I don't see it as being over, but just moving into a different phase."

Bailey said UTRGV will have as many faculty and staff as UTB and the University of Texas Pan-American have combined.

"If you want to go ahead and work, we're going to have lots of opportunities here," he said. ... "There will be no reduction in workforce; we're not reducing our workforce and so that's not what this is about. It's about giving people options."

According to Bailey, UTB faculty who wish to work at UTRGV started applying for positions Aug. 11. Positions for staff members will open sometime in mid-September.

"We began some selected executive hiring already and we'll announce some of those this week," he said. "Sometime beginning mid-September we'll begin advertising staff positions and we'll roll them out gradually according to how quickly we need their work in the university. So for example, we'll hire enrollment management people and recruiters very early in that process

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year, I was the associate dean and then became the dean after one year. Before that, I was at the University of Houston-Clear Lake for five years. I was a faculty member and then that's where I fell into the den of sin and corruption and became an administrator. I was an associate vice president for curriculum and research for three of those five years. I've also been at the University of Maine. In terms of my teaching, that's where I started to teach in 1980 for three years. My Ph.D is in business management from Texas A&M and my bachelor's is in government and my master's is in business, both of those from the University of Texas at Austin."

When do you start work at UTB?

When does your term as interim expire? "I've been on campus for a week meeting people and we're undertaking more and more duties this week. Officially, Dr. [Juliet V.] García [steps down] on the 31st and I'll take over the very next workday, which is, I believe, the 2nd of September. The term continues, one, as long as the chancellor is happy with my performance there, but what is planned for is when UT-Brownsville and UT-Pan-Am and the real academic health center become UTRGV, that's when my position will end."

How many years of experience do you have as a university administrator? "Twenty-nine years."

Were you appointed or did you apply for the interim position?

"I was appointed. I was asked by [UT System Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Pedro] Reyes, if I would, on behalf of the chancellor, if I would undertake these duties."

What will be your official title?

"President at Interim."

Will there be any staff changes in the president's office in addition to the interim president?

"No. We're not planning any changes just because I'm coming in, so there are no plans for changes in the president's office."

What will be your focus/responsibility as interim president?

"First is, there's the day-to-day operation of the university to help ensure that every day, every minute, every student gets an education of the first class that defines traditions that UT-Brownsville has had for years and years of serving students providing the very best not only in class, but [also] out of class. Second is to help with UT-Brownsville in its preparation for being a part of UT-Rio Grande Valley. So, it's helping for that transformation into a new university in the Valley. We will work close to Dr. Bailey and Dr. Havidan Rodriguez over at UT-Pan Am to ensure a smooth and comfortable transition to the new university as possible."

Do you have any projects planned for the year? What are they?

"There will then be a few specific tasks, one that we're going to be working on is helping to build a new relationship with community colleges: Texas Southmost [College], South Texas College—in a new relationship ... as opposed to being a single institution as two or three years ago, now being like other places in Texas where you have community colleges and universities that have diverse missions, but they have shared expectations in terms of the people in Texas expect them to work together, expect clear and seamless transfer ... as a way to help move toward UTRGV."

Will students be able to contact you and how?

"Yes. You can e-mail william.fannin@utb.edu. Certainly, call me at the president's office number or drop by. ... I may have other things scheduled, so it's

better to call and ask for an appointment or call and if I'm in, I'll take the call. ... I'd love to come talk to student groups."

Where will your office be located?

"It'll be located in the current president's office suite."

What will your relationship be with Dr. Guy Bailey?

"The key is we're working together. We're meeting regularly, we'll be trying to get communications out. Dr. Bailey has a lot of work to do with UT-Rio Grande Valley; mine will be to help communicate what concerns might be of our students."

What are your plans after UTRGV is launched? "After 18 years as provost, to return to the faculty and teach management courses at UT-Permian Basin. ... I'm a tenured professor at Permian Basin."

Is there a message you would like to send to UTB students, faculty and staff? "I'm hoping that everybody is excited about the coming year. UT-Brownsville is doing some extraordinary things. I'm here at the system regents meetings reviewing some of the things that is happening, you know, the SpaceX and the role that our physics and astronomy program has played with that, the national champions in volleyball, the competitiveness of chess, computer programing and everything. UT-Brownsville is doing great stuff. UT-Rio Grande Valley has a great vision. It's going to not eliminate; it's going to build on the success of the past. So, I'm hoping that this next year, everybody is able to celebrate the traditions of UT-Brownsville and at the same time be looking to the future, an even brighter future for the University of Texas in the Rio Grande Valley."

--Compiled by Cleiri Quezada

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years by the nation. She has brought the awareness to this region and to the great things that can come out of this region, and all of that through education, so that will be part of her legacy."

DiGregorio said her job at the university started to feel like a career and that working with García was the highlight of her career.

"I admire her leadership, her tenacity, her humanness because she's very human," DiGregorio said. "She goes all over the world and speaks all over the world, but when she's home, she's humble, she's down to earth, she's very, very human. She is a wonderful role model and she is a woman with great vision and I admire that."

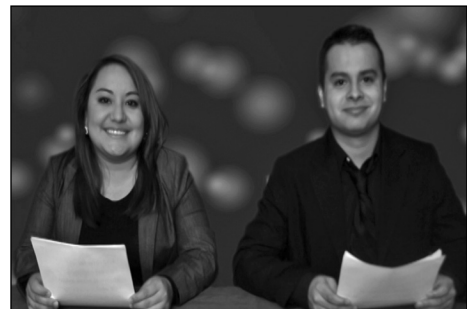
Another quality she admires about García is that she's an exceptional listener.

"She will give you her full attention when she's speaking to you, she's just a great, great listener," DiGregorio said.

Asked what she will miss about García, DiGregorio replied: "I'm going to miss not having her here. I will be looking up to her from afar. ... We have been fortunate enough to get to know her not only as a president but as a friend, and I'll miss that."

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The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

UT regents approve academic structure of UTRGV

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The University of Texas System board of regents Thursday approved the academic structure of the new UT Rio Grande Valley, taking an essential step forward in making the new university and medical school a reality. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has also approved the structure.

UTRGV President Guy Bailey proposed the 11 colleges and schools that will form the academic foundation for the

new institution, including an Honors College and a Graduate College that will offer advanced degrees and create more opportunities for research.

“We want to attract the best students in the Rio Grande Valley and offer them educational opportunities similar to those offered at flagship universities across the nation, so we will create an Honors College that will serve both residential and commuter students,” Bailey said.

UTRGV will include a College of

Medicine, College of Health Affairs, College of Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, College of Engineering and Computer Science, College of Business and Entrepreneurship, College of Education and P-16 Integration, Honors College, Graduate College and University College.

The College of Health Affairs will be the temporary home for the School of Nursing, School of Social Work and School of Allied Health.

When the School of Medicine is fully

accredited, a College of Medicine and Health Affairs will be formed that will include Nursing, Social Work and Allied Health. Until that time, UTRGV will operate a College of Medicine and College of Health Affairs on an interim basis.

The 11 colleges and schools will report to the provost, a crucial position that will be filled in the coming months, along with other executive hires in academic affairs, finance and administration, human resources and compliance.

New chancellor appointed

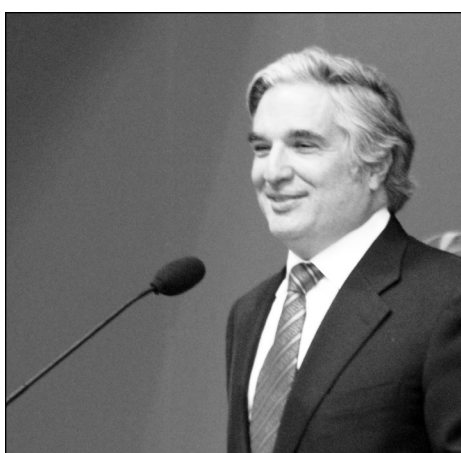
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AUSTIN--The University of Texas System board of regents unanimously approved the appointment of Adm. William H. McRaven, currently commander of the United States Special Operations Command, as chancellor of the University of Texas System, effective Jan. 5, 2015.

Regents named McRaven sole finalist for the prestigious position at a meeting last month. By state law, regents must wait 21 days after naming a finalist before making an official appointment.

McRaven will succeed Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa, who will continue to serve as the system’s chief executive officer until January 2015. Cigarroa will return to UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, where he served as president for nearly a decade, to head the institution’s pediatric transplant program.

A four-star admiral, McRaven will retire from the U.S. Navy later this month, wrapping up a distinguished 37-year career. McRaven has garnered international respect for his strategic leadership, discipline, intellect and diplomacy. In his current role with



Francisco G. Cigarroa

U.S. Special Operations Command, he oversees a 67,000-person, \$10 billion operation and plays one of the nation’s premier roles in keeping the country safe.

McRaven took the opportunity to thank the regents for selecting him as the UT System’s next chancellor during the board’s open session. He also expressed his gratitude to the Texas Legislature, UT alumni and others for their support and pledged to build a strong relationship with all those who care deeply about UT institutions.

“Great universities demand the best from their students, their faculty, their researchers and their administrators.



William H. McRaven

Great universities not only teach--they educate, they build leaders, they create thinkers and doers--across every aspect of life,” McRaven said. “This university system should be known for producing tomorrow’s leaders in every field of endeavor.”

McRaven praised Cigarroa’s groundbreaking Framework for Advancing Excellence and called the tenets of the document “universal and timeless.” He emphasized the notion that teaching and scholarly research go hand in hand--both demanding an unwavering pursuit of excellence

“He said we must never settle for

mediocrity; instead we must follow a continued trajectory toward greatness,” McRaven said of Cigarroa’s Framework. “I like that term--greatness. When people around Texas, around the nation and around the world think of the UT System, greatness should be the first word that comes to mind.”

Regents Chairman Paul Foster said he and his fellow board members are honored that McRaven has accepted the position to lead the UT System, choosing a role that continues to serve the public good after decades of service to his country. Foster and Vice Chairmen Steve Hicks and Gene Powell made up the search committee that recommended McRaven to the full board.

“We are honored that Adm. McRaven has chosen The University of Texas System as the next step in an impressive career and we are thrilled to welcome this distinguished UT alumnus back home,” Foster said. “Adm. McRaven is the consummate leader, a champion of freedom and a true diplomat. I know my fellow regents share my view that the future is boundless for the UT System and we believe we have found the right person to lead us in the ambitious endeavors already under way and those yet to come.”

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Last fall, the University of Texas System board of regents allocated \$196 million from the Permanent University Fund for new construction and building acquisitions in South Texas: \$178 million will be used to build the South Texas Medical Academic Building, a science building at the UT-Pan American campus in Edinburg and an academic building on the UT-Brownsville campus.

In a news release Aug. 1, UT-RGV President Guy Bailey said the decision for an administrative headquarters was “postponed indefinitely in order to focus on more pressing priorities, such as providing classrooms and research facilities for students and faculty.”

The Collegian spoke to Bailey after he met with the Athletics Branding, Mascot and Color Selection Committee Aug. 18 to find out more about the construction of the new buildings.

“Our real needs are to serve our

students and not for an executive office,” he said. “There’s an executive office here, there’s one in Edinburg, and there’s one in Harlingen. I don’t need another one.”

Bailey said he will visit each campus one or two days a week.

“We need buildings for faculty to do their research, and so, what I want our focus to be is taking care of our students and faculty and staff,” he said. “When those things are done, we can think of an executive office. But, I’ll be on this campus one or two days a week. Then, I’ll be in the Edinburg campus one or two days a week and in Harlingen. I’ll be all over the Valley.”

South Texas Medical Academic Building

Cost: \$54 million
Size: 88,000 square feet
Location: Edinburg

Purpose: Devoted to teaching facilities that promote faculty and student interaction at the early stages of medical school.

Amenities: 150-seat auditorium,

multipurpose classrooms, digital library, anatomy lab, patient simulation/clinical observation suites and administrative offices for financial aid, admission, faculty, deans, bursars, seminar rooms and food service.

Anticipated substantial completion: December 2015

Science Building-Pan Am

Cost: \$70 million
Size: 120,000 square feet
Location: Edinburg

Purpose: Designed with interactive technology to allow students to participate in classes no matter their physical location.

Amenities: It will contain classrooms and labs for STEM disciplines, including biology, physics, chemistry, math, pre-med and environmental studies.

Anticipated substantial completion: Dec. 18, 2017

Academic Building-Brownsville

Cost: \$54 million
Size: 140,000 square feet

Location: Brownsville

Purpose: To accommodate classes now being conducted in space UTB leases from Texas Southmost College

Amenities: The facility will provide modern classrooms, research labs and music, student and faculty support spaces.

Anticipated substantial completion: August 2017

The remaining \$18 million from the PUF funds was used to pay a portion of the acquisition of the buildings from TSC.

In the Aug. 1 news release, Bailey also said he plans to launch a new research center for diabetes and obesity.

“As you know, that’s the biggest health problem in the [Rio Grande] Valley, and so, our goal is to try to find ways to prevent, cure and [alleviate] the effects of diabetes and to help prevent obesity,” he said. “So that will be the mission of that center, and there will be some of those researchers here in Brownsville and some of them will be located in Edinburg.”

It's the last hurrah

UT-Brownsville Athletics prepares for its final year



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/ COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

UT-Brownsville midfielder Luis Rincon Flores dribbles the ball before the game against the Laredo Community College Palominos Wednesday night. The Ocelots lost 2-1.

Jesus Sanchez
SPORTS EDITOR

UTB will compete for the last time in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics this year. The school and UT-Pan American will consolidate next fall and become UT-Rio Grande Valley, which will be an NCAA Division 1 program.

“All our coaches did a good job on recruiting going into this season and us knowing that it is our last year competing in the NAIA and all those kind of things,” UTB Athletics Director Todd Lowery said. “I expect a great fall [season], nothing short of what we’ve done the last couple of years.”

Volleyball

Lowery is the head volleyball coach

for the defending NAIA National Champion Ocelots team as well. The Ocelots finished the 2013 season with an impressive undefeated record of 37-0 and are ranked No. 1 in the country.

This season, however, they have a completely different team, losing five experienced players and gaining seven new ones. In spite of that, the chances of the Ocelots winning a third national championship have not decreased. Lowery said the team has a good shot at bringing the title home.

Returning this season are outside hitters Annelies Dokter, Jennifer Kowalski and Danielle Marques, defensive specialist Ashlee Rodriguez, libero Heather Meeuwsen and libero/defensive specialist Karina Garcia and

middle blocker Vanja Joksic.

New players are setters Tina Sekulic, of Uzicka Gimnazija in Uzice, Serbia, and Dorien Den Otter, of Alfa College Height in Groningen, Netherlands; libero Nicole Gonzalez, of Hillsborough Community College in Vega Alta, Puerto Rico; middle blockers Valquiria Caboclo, of the Universidad Santa’anna in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Mayra Ramirez, of Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah; right side hitter Anna Siruckova, of Brno University of Technology in Brno, Czech Republic; and Bojana Mitrovic, of Gimnazija Laza Kostic in Novi Sad, Serbia.

“This team is so talented. I don’t think there is going to be a set group of starters from week to week,” Lowery

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Senior accounting major and Campus Activities Board member Rubi Hernandez walks to the UT-Brownsville Soccer Field alongside senior biology major Marco Arriaga after Wednesday’s Pride Drive.

Athlete of the week



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/ COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

Name: Amanda Fulton
Classification: Senior
Major: Exercise Science
Sport: Soccer
Position: Goalkeeper
Hometown: Los Fresnos

Who is your favorite athlete?
“Abby Wambach. She is a U.S. national [soccer team] player, and she just shows a lot of heart when she plays and she never gives up.”

Who is your role model? “My mom would have to be my role model just because she’s done everything for me and she just shows me the person I should be.”

What is the best advice you’ve ever been given and by whom?
“It wasn’t given directly to me, but it was something Hope Solo said. She said, “You’re going to fake it until you make it.” As a goalkeeper, that means a lot because you have to have a lot of confidence, and if you don’t believe in yourself, then no one will and people will see that. As long as you believe in yourself and/or people think you do, then they’ll be a little more afraid of you on the field.”

What do you like to do for fun?
“For fun, just go to the beach, watch Netflix--nothing super interesting.”

When did you begin playing soccer and why did you start playing? “I was in third grade and one of my friends just asked me to play, and I did, and it just stuck with me ever since then.”

Did you play in high school and did you get any awards? “Yeah, I played varsity all four years of high school at Los Fresnos, and one award that I did get was ‘all-metro defensive player of the year,’ my senior year.”

What is your favorite movie?
“Right now it would have to be the new ‘X-Men’ movie. I just like the Wolverine.”

What are your goals for the season? “This season, definitely [to] get back to nationals. We wanted to get there last year, and we didn’t. So, [I] definitely want to get back to league eight because we got there two years ago and I don’t see why we can’t get there again.”

Is there a song that gets your head in the game? “Yes, it’s a song called ‘All of the Above’ by Maino and it’s just a song about believing in yourself and being in the moment and going all in.”

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Remembering Dr. Colom



Dr. Luis V. Colom, UT-Brownsville’s vice president for Research, dean of the College of Biomedical Sciences and dean of the College of Nursing, died of cancer March 27 at his residence in Brownsville. He was 61.



KARINA AGUIRRE/COLLEGIAN

Ruth Ann Ragland, a UT-Brownsville government professor, speaks about her longtime friend, Dr. Luis V. Colom, during Friday’s naming ceremony for the Dr. Luis Colom Center for Biomedical Studies. Colom served as vice president of the Division of Research, dean of the College of Nursing and dean of the College of Biomedical Sciences and Health Professions until his death on March 27.

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said. “We’re really solid. We have 14 players that can really get on the court and get it done.”

After the volleyball season ends, Lowery said he is unsure what he will do. His main focus is on the volleyball team and the other athletic programs.

Men’s Soccer

Dan Balaguero is preparing for his eighth season as the head coach for the men’s soccer team. After losing in the conference final last season, the Ocelots’ goal is to win the conference tournament and get back in the NAIA national tournament this season. The men’s record last year was 13-3-2.

The team has 17 men returning this season, 12 of them seniors and a couple of new players. The Ocelots have eight home games this season, an increase of four home games from last season.

New players include defenders Daniel Olivares, of Homer Hanna High School, and Caue Salgado, of Colegio La Salle Abel in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; midfielder Francisco Trevino, of Hanna; forward Tauan Salgado, also of Colegio La Salle Abel; and goalkeeper Guilherme Altoe, of MV1 Icarai in Niteroi, Brazil.

“We have a few goals as a team,” Balaguero said. “We want to win the conference -- get back to the national tournament. We’re just gonna be working hard every day and trying to improve and make sure, come the conference schedule, we’re going to be better than we are today.”

Asked what he will do after the season ends, Balaguero replied that he will look for a job or might start his own business. However, his main focus at the moment is to have a good season.

Women’s Soccer

New Head Coach Helen Wagstaff, also a former UTB soccer player, expects a lot from Ocelots this season. The team ended the 2013 season with a 12-4 overall record that earned them a trip to the Red River Athletic Conference tournament championship where they finished in second place.

The Ocelots have a smaller squad than they did last year. Wagstaff said the smaller squad will work to their advantage this season. The team has 12 returning players, eight of them seniors, and seven new players.

Forwards Kyndah Lozano, of Hanna High School, Priscila Corona, of Oralia Guerra de Villarreal in Matamoros, Mexico, and ChaeAnne Brown, of Mead High School in Spokane, Wash.; midfielders Paige Hayward, an Australian from Ursula College, Klarissa Chavarria, of IDEA Frontier College Preparatory, and Silvia Olivares, of Lopez High School; and defender Daniela Dell’Aquila, of St. Elizabeth Catholic High School in Thornhill, Ontario, Canada, have joined the women’s soccer team this season.

Returning players are forward Karla Lozano, defenders Daryela Cepeda, Stefany Strickland, Shauna Peare, Katherine Vega and Sarah Regalado, goalkeepers Amanda Fulton and Maria Eriksen, midfielders Hanne Neby, Jessica Lima, Fernanda Baena and Monica Mendes.

“Expectations are as high as they ever have been and we don’t expect anything less just because it’s the last year of the program. If anything, we expect more,” Wagstaff said. “They are a really talented group, returners and new players; it’s going to be a good year.”

After the women’s soccer season ends, Wagstaff would like to join the UT-RGV Athletics Department.

Golf

The men’s and women’s golf teams have four fall tournaments to help them prepare for the spring. Head Coach Daniel Hayden looks to improve the teams’ ranking. Both teams finished second in their respective conference tournaments.

New recruits for the men’s team are freshmen Ricky Ramirez, of Hanna High School; Matthew Vaughan, of Waco High School; Angel Aguirre, Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores in Monterrey, Mexico; Cameron Davee, Santa Teresa High School in Santa Teresa, N.M.; Steven Hinojosa, Sharyland High School; Evan Norlie, Sunnyvale High School in Sunnyvale, Texas; and Josh Phipps, Harlingen South High School.

Freshmen Deana Portillo, of Eastwood High School in El Paso; Melinda Hernandez, La Joya-Palmview High School; and Leanna Seanz, Zapata High School have joined the women’s golf team this season.

“I expect both programs to do extremely well,” Hayden said. “I got a lot of new talent coming in and a lot of new faces, which is going to bring in a lot of competition amongst the team, which is what we were lacking ... in the past, or at least last year anyway. It’ll definitely be a much better year this year than we’ve ever had.”

First and foremost, Hayden’s ultimate goal is to make a good run at the national title this season. After the season ends, Hayden’s main goal is to find his players a place to play.

Cross-country

New Head Coach Sam Buchanan looks to continue the success the

men’s and women’s programs had in their inaugural season last year. The men’s team has conference individual champion David Guillen, Juan Cardenas and Hector Becerra returning. They helped the team win the RRAC meet last season.

New to the men’s team are freshmen Eloy Marroquin of Progreso High School and Michael Schlater of Saint Joseph Academy, senior Jaime Zarate of Hanna High School and junior Jose Gomez, of Texas Southmost College.

The women’s team has four national qualifiers, conference individual champion Vanessa Garcia, Celina Garcia, Margarita Garcia and Selene Becerra, returning this season.

New to the women’s team are freshmen Alondra Davila of Los Fresnos High School, Erika Ortiz of the Math and Science Academy and Zulema Mendez of Progreso High School, sophomore Shalma Picado of Lopez High School, and seniors Danica Markovic, a former UTB volleyball player, and Daniela Carrillo of Lopez High School.

“I feel that we’re even stronger for the men’s team than we were last year, and unless injuries happen or things that are unpreventable, I see them winning another conference championship,” Buchanan said. “The women are [bringing back] all four girls that went to nationals last year and we’ve recruited three or four more girls that are just as strong as them. I have no doubt that they will win conference or at least make a great run out of it.”

At the conclusion of the cross-country season, Buchanan is going to finish his master’s degree in exercise science. He will then pursue a doctorate at the University of Oklahoma.



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